COMMENT

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いろんな方が気軽に楽しめる
そんな漫画になればいいなと
戦いをこめて描きました。
戦国好きもそうでない方も
つっこみながらゆるりとお楽しみください。

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女子高生・草薙かさねが戦国の世を駆け巡る戦国青春浪漫活劇!!
天文21年に飛ばされたかさねの前に現れたのは、戦国史上最大の異端児にして
最凶の革命者・織田上総介信長だった…!

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THUD
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April 17th, 1552 (Tenbun Year 21)
REPORTING, SIR!
THEY'VE SET UP FORMATION TO THE WEST OF SAN NO HAMA.
THE NAGOYA TROOPS HAVE MARCHED FROM NAKANE THROUGH KONARUMI.
THEY'VE ARRIVED!?
HAVE OUR TROOPS SORTIE AT ONCE!
Master of Narumi Castle, Yamaguchi Noriyoshi

thrust
YES SIR!
THE DECISIVE BATTLE WILL BE AT AKATSUKA!
WE'LL SET OUR BATTLE LINES EAST OF SAN NO YAMA!
IT WAS TRULY AN ERA OF WARRING STATES...
FOR A NEW RULER OF OWARI..!
SHOW ME WHAT YOU CAN DO!
WHEN I STOP AND CONSIDER THAT AN AVERAGE PERSON'S LIFESPAN IS 50 YEARS...
I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK MY REMAINING 34 YEARS ARE TOO FEW

I'M PROUD TO HAVE LIVED....
WITH THEM.
BE IT A DREAM, AN ILLUSION, OR A SLIP IN TIME...

Chapter One: Come, Girl

Spring Year 200X, Hokkaido
WOOHOO
GOOD ONE!
FINISH HER OFF!
JUST ONE LEFT!
DUJ
UN
AAAH
AAAH

Aahh Aahh
WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
WHY AREN'T YOU CHEERING HER ON!?
HACHI-YA!
grind
FWAP
HEY YOU!
FWAP
OW!
Even if you say that...
JUST LOOK AT THE MATCH LINE-UP.
OUR FIRST OPPONENT IN THE SPRING HIGH SCHOOL KENDO COMPETITION ARE THE OLD CHAMPS, AOBA!
AND WITH YOU OUT WITH AN INJURY, THAT LEAVES US WITH FOUR MEMBERS.
NO MATTER HOW HARD WE TRY, WE DON'T HAVE A PRAYER!
Droop
THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO CHEER!
WE'VE STILL GOT OUR "GENERAL".
grin

Heeeyy!
EH?
WHY ONE?
WHY ONE...?
Aahh
Aahh
I DON'T WANT THEM TO WIN IT ALL
SO IF YOU COULD GET AT LEAST ONE...
SORRY, KUSANAGI
YOUR TURN NOW, GENERAL
FIGHT!
Hey!
HEY, SIS!
Wave
Wave
OH!
MASAMUNE! KOTETSU!
BEAT ALL FIVE! ALL FIVE!
Piece of cake!
GO FOR IT, KASANE!

"I'LL WIN!"

As if it were that simple
CLENCH
ALL FIVE...
DON'T WORRY! I'LL WIN!

BUT HOW COME A FRESHMAN IS THE "GENERAL"?
闘え魂!!
I heard her home is an Iaido dojo or something
ISN'T SHE JUST A FRESHMAN?
THE GIRLS' "GENERAL"

HAHH
ZUG

Aaaah
Ahh, we're done for
Aaaah
STRENGTH, TECHNIQUE, STYLE
PICK ANY OF THOSE, AND SHE STANDS OUT FAR ABOVE THE REST.
AND THAT'S NOT EVEN ALL I'M EXPECTING FROM HER.

SL
AP
FIGHTERS, STEP FORWARD!
JUST WATCH THIS FIGHT AND YOU'LL SEE!
KENJOU HIGH FRESH-MAN KUSANAGI KASANE,
PRE-SENT!

BEGIN!
Aaahhh
Aaahhh
Hahhh
BUT YOU WERE SO COOL!
YOU WON FIVE IN A ROW!
ching

Just as I expected! Ahaha
EXCEPT YOUR CAPTAIN, SHE JUST LOOKED UP WITH A WEIRD SMILE ON HER FACE
THE CAPTAIN'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT
I think it's funny
Their jaws hit the floor!
YOU SHOCKED BOTH YOUR FRIENDS AND OPPONENTS!
Really?
I GUESS I DID
YEAH!
I'M GOING TO BLAZE THROUGH THE NEXT MATCH THE EXACT SAME WAY!
Yeah!
BUT NOW WE'VE GOTTEN THROUGH THE FIRST MATCH OF THE SPRING TOURNAMENTS!
I HAVE TO GET BACK TO MY PART-TIME JOB TOMORROW, TOO.

RIGHT NOW IT'S JUST A SMALL DOJO,
BUT ONE DAY I'M GOING TO INHERIT BOTH THE HOUSE AND THE DOJO,
AND IT'S MY DREAM TO MAKE IT MUCH, MUCH BIGGER!
IF YOU GET INTO THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS LIKE THIS,
A WHOLE BUNCH OF FOLKS WILL GO JOIN GRANDPA'S DOJO!
OH,
YOU'RE SUCH AN OPTIMIST, KOTETSU!
I'VE GOT TO SHOW THEM WHAT I'VE GOT SO PEOPLE WILL ACKNOWLEDGE ME
I HAVE TO STICK TO IT UNTIL HE TELLS ME I'M GOOD ENOUGH!
And there'll be it!
CONSIDERING GRAMPS, YOU AREN'T GOING TO BE INHERITING IT ANYTIME THIS CENTURY.
CLENCH
He's never going to retire.
THAT'S THE THING, MASAMUNE!
Kitagawa Family Rule
Always greet people with energy
HI THERE!
fwip
Oh!
HELLO.

SINCE MOM AND DAD ARE GONE...
SIS.
MASAMUNE, KOTETSU. YOU GUYS HAVE TO GROW UP BIG AND STRONG.
hug
stare
Mom those guys are really ener-getic!
They were, weren't they?

I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU GUYS. THE HOUSE, AND THE DOJO!
JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO ME!

huggle
pose
you're such good boys!
uuu
?

YEAH!
WE'LL HELP OUT TOO!

神隠し事件
LOOK HERE, KASANE
The news
HM?
"VANISHED"...?

ALRIGHT, MAGAMUNE, GO BLAZE THROUGH THE GROCERY STORE!
YEAH!
You got it! I already know what's on sale!
Clang!
AH!

LOOK,
YOU REMEMBER THAT CORRUPTION SCANDAL BEFORE? ABOUT THE OLD MINISTER OF FINANCE.
OH, AGAZUMA, RIGHT?
HM?
AH,
THEY STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THAT KID.

BUT, MISSING.
That kid must be lonely.
IF IT WERE YOU, YOU'D FIND A WAY HOME NO MATTER WHAT!
dazed

HIS CHILD WENT MISSING AND HASN'T BEEN FOUND YET.
REALLY ...?
You really know a lot, Kotetsu.

I hope they find that kid soon.
Yeah.
MOOV
THUNK
THUNK

CLATTER
flicker
glance
glance
?
A SWORD?
AN ANTIQUE SHOP
Antiques
DID IT FALL OFF THAT SHOP'S VAN?
HEY, KASANE, MASAMUNE...

SCREECH
I FOUND THIS WEIRD SWORD HERE——

KOTE-
TSU!
AH,
THOSE ARE THE KUSANAGI KIDS...
!?
WHEN...
IT HAPPENED, IT LASTED JUST A FEW SECONDS...

SIS!
KUSA-
NAGI
KASA-
NE!

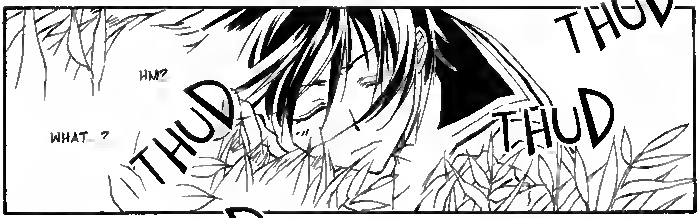
SCREECH
flare
SHING

THERE'S A CRASH!
QUICK, SOMEONE CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!
WHARRR
ARE YOU OKAY, KOTETSU!?
Y
YEAH, I'M FINE...
WHAT!?
WHAT WAS THAT BLUE LIGHT...?

!?
BUT, MASAMUNE!

WHERE'S KASANE ...!?
RATTLE
RATTLE

MY LIFE TOOK A HUGE TURN—
IN THOSE FEW SEC-ONDS...
THUD
THUD
THUD
RIGHT THEN, NO ONE HAD REALIZED IT YET, BUT...
CRACKLE
CRACKLE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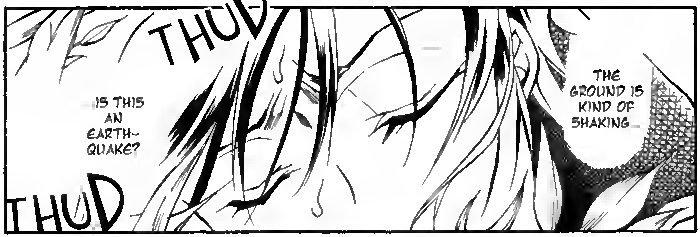
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...IS THIS AN EARTH-QUAKE?
THE GROUND IS KIND OF SHAKING...
THUD

THUD
EARTH-QUAKE !?

HAH!
THUD
THUD
THUD
...UH
WH--WHAT'S GOING ON!?
RUSTLE
WH--WHAT HAPPENED--!?
RUSTLE
CAW
HORSES!?
drip
drip

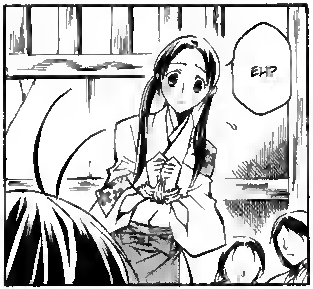
WOBBLE
WHERE AM I...?
WH——

WHO'S THERE!?
rustle
!?
MASA-MUNE! KOTETSU!
WAIT, WHAT ABOUT KOTETSU ...!?
Oh!
WHAT, DID YOU THINK YOU COULD TAKE REFUGE IN THE MOUNTAIN?
A WOMAN !?
rustle
DID YOU ESCAPE FROM THE BURNING VILLAGE?
NOW, COME TO THE CASTLE WITH US—
grab
EEEE-EEK!?
YOUR HOME IS GONE. WHERE WERE YOU GOING TO RUN?
WHAT ?
THESE GUYS...

IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE!?
WHAT IS THIS!? WHAT IS GOING ON!
AH!
HEY YOU...!
dash
raise
I AM
EEK!
WHAT ...?
huff
huff
IF YOU WANT TO BLAME SOMEONE BLAME YOUR RULER FOR ALLOWING HIMSELF TO BE SO SKILLFULLY BETRAYED
WHAT A PAIN

JUST WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?
MASAMUNE! KOTETSU....!

I...
LET ME GO HOME...!
WOBBLE
BDMP
BDMP
WHAT NOW...? JUST WHAT IS THIS PLACE...
BDMP
HOW DID I END UP HERE ALONE...?
TWIST
CATCH
BAM
AH...!
Eeeeep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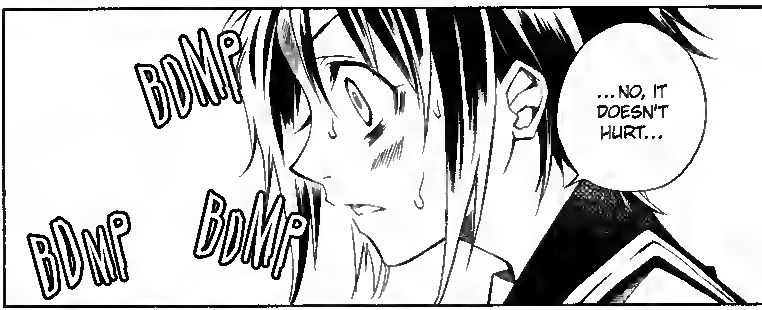
SST
ARE YOU OKAY?
..NO..


BDMP
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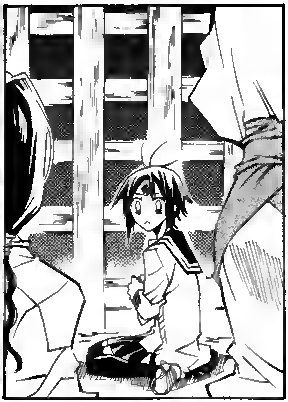
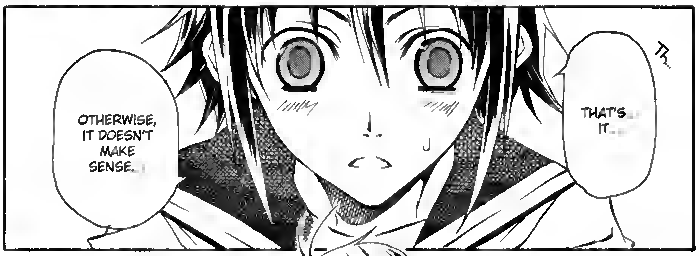
...NO, IT DOESN'T HURT...

WHY IS EVERY-ONE WEARING WEIRD CLOTHES ...?
mur mur
murmur
HUH...?

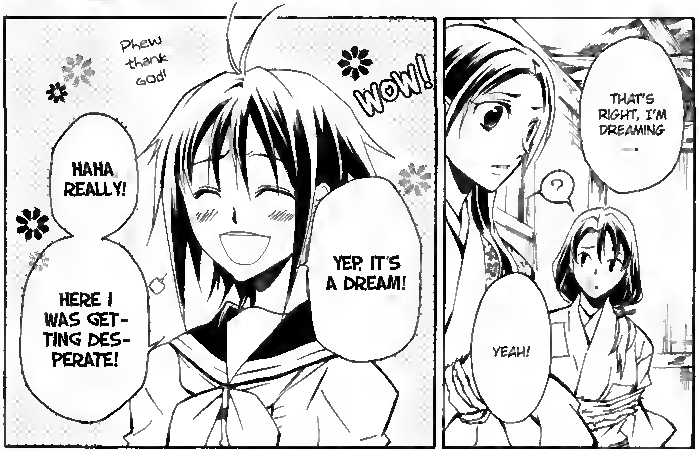


BDMP
WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?
BDMP
WHERE DID MASAMUNE AND KOTETSU GO...!?
I DON'T KNOW WHERE I AM
BDMP
BDMP
BDMP
BDMP
BDMP
CLENCH
ALL THIS ...

DON'T TELL ME...
I'M DREAM-ING...?


THAT'S IT...
OTHERWISE, IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

mumble
THE THREE OF US WERE ON OUR WAY HOME FROM THE MATCH.
mumble
SO THERE'S NO WAY I COULD JUST SUDDENLY GET TAKEN OFF TO A JAIL LIKE THIS...!
mumble


Phew thank god!
WOW!
HAHA REALLY!
YEP, IT'S A DREAM!
HERE I WAS GETTING DESPERATE!
THAT'S RIGHT, I'M DREAMING...
YEAH!

EEEE-
EEEEK!?
BOMP
pat
EXCUSE ME.
NOTHING, I JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE HURT.
Since you hit your head
I... I'M SORRY.
I'm sorry
THAT FELT SO REAL IT SCARED ME...
BDMP
BDMP
BDMP
N
No...
WHAT IS IT?
My good health is my best feature!
Oh, really?
glitter
Hm? But before she was
A "DREAM" ...HUH
hmph
WELL, I CAN SEE WHY YOU'D WANT TO BELIEVE THAT.
SINCE ALL OF US ARE GOING TO BE SOLD

YEAH
BECAUSE THE MASTERS HERE, THE YAMAGUCHIS, BETRAYED THE PROVINCE.
S
SOLD...?
A NEW LORD JUST RECENTLY INHERITED THE POSITION OF RULER OF OWARI, OUR PROVINCE.
...?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
Umm
SOLDIERS INVADED OUR LAND AND DESTROYED OUR VILLAGE.
YAMAGUCHI NORITSUGU AND NORIYOSHI WERE GOVERNORS HERE AT NARUMI CASTLE, BUT
THE MOMENT OUR PREVIOUS LORD, WHOM WAS WELL-RESPECTED PASSED AWAY, THEY WENT TO THE NEIGHBORING PROVINCE AND SURRENDERED THIS TERRITORY

WE'RE ALLOWED TO LIVE FOR NOW,
BUT THAT'S JUST SO WE CAN BE SOLD OFF TO OUR ENEMIES, TO WORK UNTIL WE DIE
NOT ONLY OUR HOMES BUT OUR FIELDS AND WELLS WERE ALSO BURNT.
DESTROYED ...!
YOUR HOMES TOO ..!?
DUMMY, DON'T CRY!
sob
UGH
hic
.UH
BUT YONE...
I'M CRYING...
hic
BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN MY LITTLE BROTHER IN AGES, AND NOW I NEVER WILL...!

IT'S NOT JUST SAYO
SUZU'S MOM WAS KILLED
MY LITTLE GIRL WAS TAKEN AWAY, AND I DON'T KNOW IF SHE'S STILL ALIVE
uh...
ALL OF THIS IS THAT IDIOT YOUNG LORD'S FAULT.
IT'S ALWAYS US COMMON FOLK WHO WIND UP LIKE THIS.
sob
sob
THROB
I don't know where that came from.
ANYWAY, YOU'D BETTER RESIGN YOURSELF.
flip
WE'LL NEVER SEE OUR FAMILIES AGAIN—

SHOCK
GLUBGLUBGLUB
wipe
... HUH?
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, SAYO
hic
W.
WAIT, WHY ARE YOU CRYING!?
hic
THEN
LET'S GO TALK TO THAT LORD IN PERSON

EVERY-ONE,
LET'S ESCAPE!
WH-
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?
WE'RE IN NARUMI CASTLE, WHICH WAS TAKEN BY THE IMAGAWAS!
GETTING OUT OF A PLACE LIKE THIS...
BUT...

WHAT IF THE REST OF YOUR FAMILY ESCAPED AND IS WAITING IN THE VILLAGE?
IF WE STAY HERE LIKE THIS,
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANY-THING .!
And she's wearing such odd clothes
What a weird girl
FINE, JUST STOP DRIPPING ALL OVER THE PLACE
hic
YONE... YOUR DAUGH-TER...
hic
I'M SURE SHE'S WAIT-ING FOR YOU SOME-WHERE...
gush
gush
I WANT .!!
I...
SAYO .
I WANT TO SEE MY BROTHER AGAIN .!

DON'T WORRY, I KNOW YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HIM AGAIN!
BUT... ALL OF US ARE TIED UP.
We can't move around so!
IT'LL WORK OUT
...IT'S GOTTA.
fight
fight
GULP
SINCE THIS IS A DREAM, AFTER ALL...!
IF YOU SET YOUR SIGHTS ON IT, YOU CAN DO ANYTHING!
That's what I think.
Am
nh
!!!
EEEEK!
BITE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, SHE ACTUALLY GNAWED THROUGH THIS...!
stare
Is she an animal?
BUT THE KEY TO OUR CELL...
I'm sure I can get it with a hairpin!
LEAVE IT TO ME!

WHOA!
How come you're surprised at yourself?
Heroines are always late.
CLICK
WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT!?
Keep it down!
Ah
BE GOOD AND SETTLE D—
!?
KASANE!
Kasane!
SAYO, GUYS, STAY BACK.
HEY!
JUST HOW DID YOU GET OUT OF THERE!?

WHAT'S GOING ON! ANSWER ME!
OH!
WHAT CAN I USE AS A SWORD...
inch
NO
Eeeek!
HM?
FWIP
THERE'S A RAT ON THE CEIL-ING!
WHAT.!?
KUSANAGI-STYLE UN-SHEATHING TECHNIQUE!
GRAB

WHA
FIRST ART!
"CLOUD-BANK"!

Ahh~
Ahh~
...A
AMAZING!
Just what is she!?
Twitch!
HMM~?
THERE'S SOME KIND OF RUCKUS COMING FROM INSIDE...
GOROUZA!

TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
THEY MAY HAVE NOTICED OUR RAID
KURA-NOSUKE, SCOUT THE AREA AND REPORT BACK.
. GOT IT.
JUMP
SWSH
THE GUARDS ARE BIGGER THAN ME AND HAVE ARMOR.
I'M AT A TOTAL DISAD-VANTAGE.
IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, IT HAS TO BE AN INSTANT KILL.

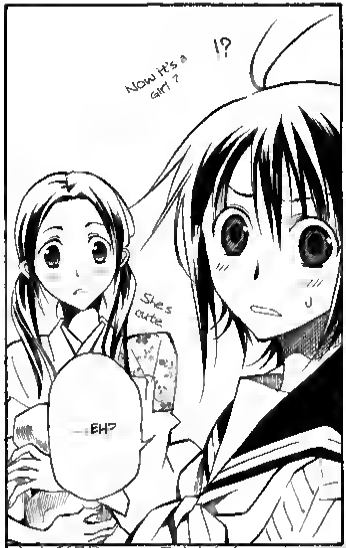
I'LL STRIKE THE MOMENT THEY PASS BY!

...HUH?

?
WHAT?
WHO'S THE SHORTIE?
HUH?
...HEY.
ARE YOU OKAY!?
Rock
SAYO! EVERYONE!
THUD
YOU THERE.
Where'd you come from
THUD
THUD
THUD
AA-AAH!
I DON'T THINK THIS SHORTIE IS ONE OF THE CASTLE GUARDS.
WHAT HAP-PENED?

KURA'S DEAD!
I'm not dead.
DAMN YOU, IMAGA-WAS!
STOMP
Who's Eh?
!
CLACK

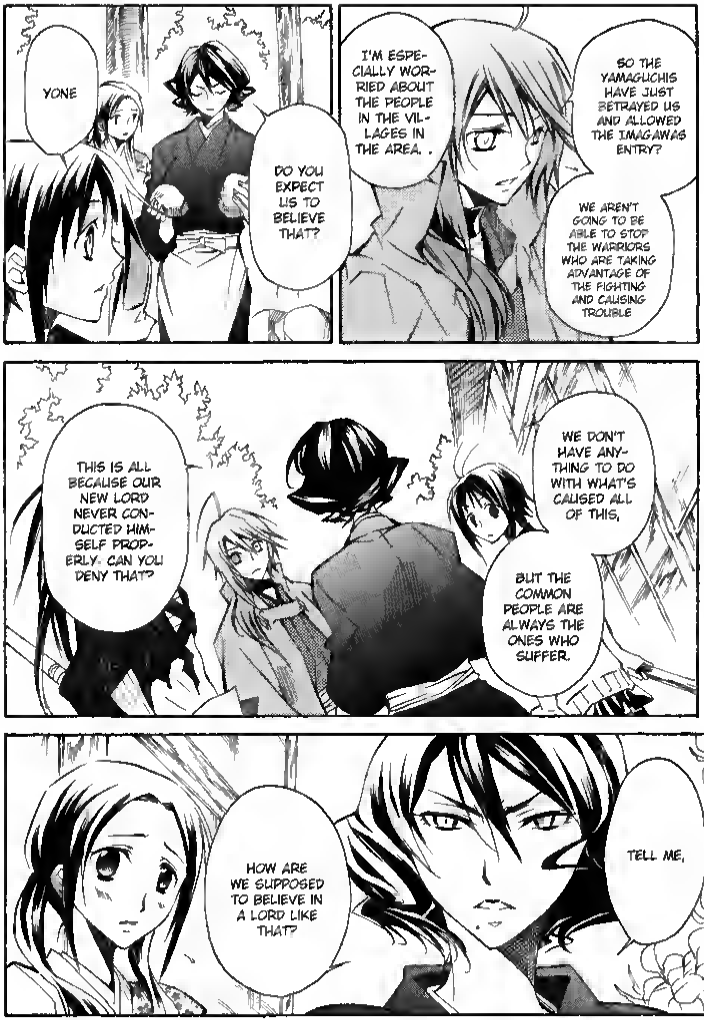
AHH!
EH?
OOM-PH!
EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED HERE...?
OH MY...
Another one?
hope
Get off me~!!!


Now it's a girl?
!?
She's cute
EH?

WHO ARE YOU?

HAHA.
SO THE "PRISONERS" RESCUED THEM-SELVES!

LOOKS LIKE...
WITH THIS WAR ONGOING YOU OWARI WOMEN ARE TOUGHENING UP!
War ?
UM.
WHO ARE YOU?
MY APOLOGIES
I'M NIWA GOROUZAEMON NAGAHIDE, VASSAL TO LORD OWARI, THE LORD OF NAGOYA CASTLE
fidget
fidget
SAME WITH SASSA KURANOSUKE NARIMASA,
AND MAEDA MATAZAEMON TOSHIIE...
He goes by Inuchiyo
So sorry
Here
pout
No talking
...INUCHIYO...
"STAY!"
IS HE TRAINED...?
HEY HEY!
WE WERE ORDERED TO COME GET THE PRISONERS AT NARUMI CASTLE...
The fuck am I chopped liver?
lean
HOW'D YOU DO THAT BACK THEN?
There here


YONE
DO YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THAT?
I'M ESPECIALLY WORRIED ABOUT THE PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGES IN THE AREA. .
SO THE YAMAGUCHIS HAVE JUST BETRAYED US AND ALLOWED THE IMAGAWAS ENTRY?
WE AREN'T GOING TO BE ABLE TO STOP THE WARRIORS WHO ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE FIGHTING AND CAUSING TROUBLE
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OUR NEW LORD NEVER CONDUCTED HIMSELF PROPERLY. CAN YOU DENY THAT?
WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH WHAT'S CAUSED ALL OF THIS,
BUT THE COMMON PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS THE ONES WHO SUFFER.
HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BELIEVE IN A LORD LIKE THAT?
TELL ME,

WAIT, HOLD IT!
FORGET THAT, WE'VE GOT TO HURRY AND GET OUT OF HERE!
You're insulting our lord!
STORMY
ah!
PERSON-ALLY?
ONCE WE GET OUT OF HERE YOU CAN GO AND PERSONALLY TELL HIM YOUR COMPLAINTS!
I'll go too
OKAY?
worry
worry
Right now we've got to escape!
YOU TOO, YONE
I SEE.
We'll let that Lord have it!
YEP!
TO DO THAT, LET'S HEAD TO THE BATTLEFIELD.
TRUE ENOUGH, IF YOU DON'T TELL HIM FACE-TO-FACE, HE WON'T UNDER-STAND
PERSON-ALLY..

RIGHT NOW, OUR LORD IS FACING OFF AT "AKATSUKA"
WITH LORD YAMAGUCHI NORIYOSHI

Owari, Akatsuka

ST
OUR FORCES ARE 1500 STRONG, AND THEIRS ARE AT BEST 700...!?
WITH OUR SUPERIOR NUMBERS, WE SHOULD HAVE THE ADVANTAGE!
THUD
AHHH!
DON'T BREAK FORMATION!
IMPOSSIBLE!
THAT NEW FOOL OF A LORD DIDN'T INHERIT HIS FAMILY'S MILITARY GENIUS
ONCE WE KNEW THAT MY FAMILY CHOSE TO GAMBLE ON THE IMAGAWAS
IT WAS SO WE COULD SURVIVE IN THESE TURBULENT TIMES...!

WHAT'S GOING ON!?
HOW...!?
AND YET...

THE SOLDIERS ARE MOVING AS ONE, IN UNISON...!?
Ready!

DON'T YOU THINK THIS IS STRANGE, MR NIWA?
You can call me Gorouza
...I KNOW.

WE'RE GETTING AWAY SO EASILY...
THERE HASN'T BEEN A SINGLE GUARD ON THE WAY
GLOOM
KURANO-SUKE, GUARD THE REAR
HUSH, INUCHIYO.
WHAT IS..?
hey hey

ONCE YOU EXIT THIS FOREST THERE'S THE OPEN COAST-LINE
OUR OPPONENTS LETTING US COME THIS FAR...
LOOKING FROM NARUMI THE BATTLEFIELD, AKATSUKA, LIES EAST OF SAN NO YAMA... SO WE'VE PASSED ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF IT

MOST LIKELY MEANS THEY'VE TAKEN HORSES AHEAD OF US—

DID YOU TRULY THINK YOU'D ESCAPE FROM THE CASTLE SO EASILY?
THIS IS... NOT GOOD.
IT SEEMS LIKE THAT FOOL'S TRAINED UP SOME BRATS OF HIS OWN,
Hehe
BUT FOR HIM TO THINK THAT HE COULD PENETRATE THE CASTLE WITH SO FEW OF YOU...
AND AM-BUSHED US...!

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
SHUT UP
I.. I.., WELL, I..
That's the worst thing he could have said.
Oh no.
twitch
MAYBE YOU WERE LEFT BEHIND WHEN THE ARMY MARCHED AND NOW YOU'RE PLAYING A LITTLE WAR GAME HERE?
ahaha
I WANTED TO GO WITH THE MASTER!!
Idiots!
My my
He leaped!?
Who is this guy!?
AHH!?

Maybe he should've gone with his master
PERFECT
SLAM
ARRGHH!
SINCE INUCHIYO'S LOST IT, WE'LL JOIN IN THE FRAY AND BUY YOU SOME TIME
ESCAPE WHEN YOU GET THE CHANCE, KASANE
Hold him down!
NO.
I'LL FIGHT TOO!
KASANE!
BUT...
I WAS THE ONE WHO FIRST TALKED ABOUT ESCAPING
EVERYONE WANTS TO GET BACK TO THEIR VILLAGES
DON'T WORRY! IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY, YOU CAN TELL I WAS RAISED IN A DOJO
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I'M SURE TO WIN!

I GUESS THERE ARE OTHER STRANGE PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD BESIDES MY "MASTER"
OKAY!
Leave it to me!
THEN ...
I'LL TAKE THESE GUYS
SURE TO...?
SMILING IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS...
Wsh
WIN, YOU SAID?
RUTILE
Thud!
tsu!
!

MORE SOLDIERS FROM THE FOREST.
I'M IMPRESSED YOU MADE IT THIS FAR ON THOSE GIRLY LITTLE LEGS OF YOURS
BUT DON'T THINK WE'LL LET YOU WIN SO EASILY
HOW ABOUT YOU BE GOOD AND GO BACK TO THE CASTLE?
GRIP
MASAMUNE, KOTETSU...!

KASANE..
I WONDER WHERE SHE WENT...

hic
MY FAULT
sob
KOTE-TSU.
sob
WHERE DID KASANE GO...!
sniff
IT'S ALL MY FAULT
wahh
sob
hic
THWACK
THWACK
UWAA AHHH HH!
(double)
DON'T CRY, DUMMIES!
SHAPE UP!
YOU'RE BOYS, AREN'T YOU?
Awww
Certain
...!?
hic
hic

YOU GUYS...
ARE THE LITTLE BROTHERS OF MY KENDO CLUB'S "GENERAL", YOU KNOW!
hic
BUT...
hic
SIS IS...
BUT...
hic
HUFF
WHEREVER SHE IS, DO YOU THINK SHE'S GOING TO BE DEFEATED?
SMILE
OUR KUSANAGI KASANE.

Just 3 more
TORSO HIT...!
WH—
SLA
wh
GRAB
MY HAND'S GONE NUMB...
I hit his armor
QUIVER
DINNG

RUSH
SLAM
SLIDE
huff
huff
huff
I CAN READ THEIR MOVES WITHOUT A PROBLEM..
BUT THIS WEAPON'S NOT GOING TO LAST FOR-EVER
CRUMBLE

SLIP
BUT IF YOU RESIST TOO MUCH...
WE WEREN'T TOLD TO KILL YOU
SAYO!
I DON'T LIKE USE-LESS KILL-ING.
WE'LL HAVE TO GET A LITTLE ROUGH WITH YOU
AH-HH-H!
GRAB
!
LET HER—
UH...!
IF WE CAN END THIS NOW,
WE WON'T HAVE TO DISHONOR YOU NEED-LESSLY
EH...?
grip

THAT'S ENOUGH, KASAINE.
YONE...!
...IT'S FINE.
LET HER GO.
WE'LL...
RETURN TO OUR CELL.

LET'S JUST... END THIS
SOB
Uh
WE NEVER HAD ANY HOPE
THE MOMENT THE VILLAGE WAS ATTACKED WE WERE DEFEATED

SAME HERE...
MY BROTHERS ARE GONE... SAYO
BUT THOSE TWO... THEY KEEP ON ROLLING
BUT...
GRIP
UNLIKE ME, THEY HAVE NO INTEREST IN FIGHTING,
AND DON'T UNDERSTAND THE COMPETITIONS AT ALL, BUT...

THEY SMILE FOR ME.
WHEN I WIN A FIGHT,
THEY SMILE AND CLAP THEIR HANDS FOR ME
SAYO,
HOW ABOUT YOU?
goofy
ER, WHAT'M I SAYING?
I GUESS THAT IT'S GREAT TO BE ALIVE, YEAH

SHE WON'T LOSE!
wipe
wipe
wipe
stare
I...
KASANE...
IT'S TOO SOON TO GIVE UP
hurt

WHA!?
CRUMBLE
CRACK
RUN!
QUICK-LY!
SLASH
WON'T LOSE!

SWISH
CATCH
I CAN'T FALL BACK!

MASAMUNE, KOTETSU!
JUST YOU WATCH!
thud
YOUR SIS...

WON'T LOSE!
CLICK
!!!

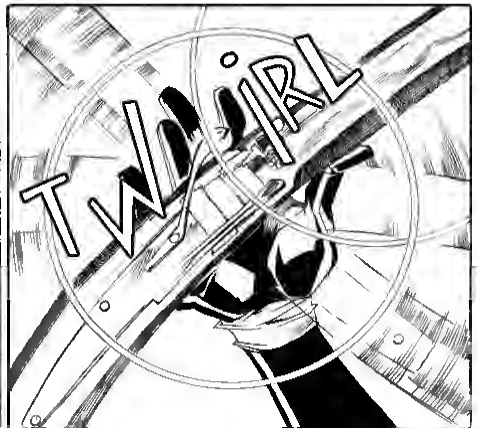
FLAP
FLAP

NEXT.

...!

TREMBLE
EH!?
I DID THAT!?
BUT WHAT WAS THAT NOISE...!?
TREMBLE

fwsh


TWIRL

ドンッ
ドンッ
ドンッ

W—
WHO'S THERE!?
RATHER, WHO ARE YOU?
WH—
WHY IS HE HERE...!?
EEK!
AH!
BAT
I DON'T RECALL HANDING OVER MY PEOPLE TO THE IMAGAWAS.

GRIND
G/A...!
"MY TERRITORY" ...?
SHOCK
SIS...!
YES!?
THIS IS MY TERRI-TORY,
DOGS.

KOTA-ROU...?
KO...
SIS! SAYO!
DASH
I answered reflexively
EH?
THANK GOD YOU'RE ALIVE...!
THANK GOD!
grip
IT'S ME! ARE YOU OKAY, SIS?
I CAME AS FAST AS I COULD WHEN I HEARD THE VILLAGE WAS ATTACKED
Thank God Sayo!
SAYO...
KASANE
EXCUSE ME...
pop
Master, Lunge on!
MY LORD!
HOW GOES THE FIGHT AGAINST YAMAGUCHI

.WHO ARE YOU GIRL?
SHOCK
She didn't!
ARE YOU THAT LORD THAT NO ONE HAS ANY FAITH IN?
EVERY-ONE... IS WORRIED.
SHE HELPED US FREE THE PRISONERS
THIS IS KASANE
MY LORD!
PLEASE MAKE THIS A COUNTRY WHERE EVERY-ONE CAN LIVE TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILY
ONE DAY SOON. .
MY LORD!

Don't wave at me! They'll think we're together!
Yone! I kept my promise.
WAVE
twirl
WAVE
EEK!
Yone
FAMILY ...?
THIS IS... A CHILD'S JOKE, YES!?
IF YOU MIGHT FORGIVE HER...!
GET BACK, GIRL! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU—
MY LORD!?
PLEASE DON'T DO THIS. .
YOU MUSTN'T, MY LORD!
Ah, she must be happy

LORD NOBU-NAGA!
下半

WOBBLE

DAMN
...
thud

splish
BDMP
BDMP
BDMP
BDMP
wipe

HUFF
IT'S WARM ...
HUFF
ISN'T ...
THIS ...
HUFF
A... DREAM ...
HUFF

ふふふ
WOBBLE
KASANE ...!
KASANE ...!

JUST WHO IS SHE...!?
THIS GIRL...
AND THAT...

AFTER I WAS SUDDENLY CAST INTO THE SENGOKU ERA.
IS HOW MY LONG, LONG FIRST DAY WENT...
BRING THAT ALONG, AS WELL.
RETURN TO NAGOYA.
...GOROUZA.

Inseparable Twins.

Did you hear about the battle of Akatsuka?
Yeah.
I heard we were betrayed by the master of Narumi
...Anyway, our new lord probably won't last long.

Why would he do something like that?
I have no idea
I don't understand anything our lord does

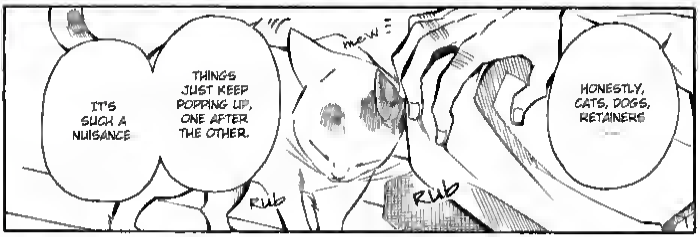
Yeah, yeah.
He just idles around every day, and won't listen to his vassals
It's rumored that he picked up a foreigner in that battle the other day.
For-eigner?

But with that kind of fool as a lord,
Is this country really going to be okay...?
.....

Chapter 2: Decision on Blasted Ground

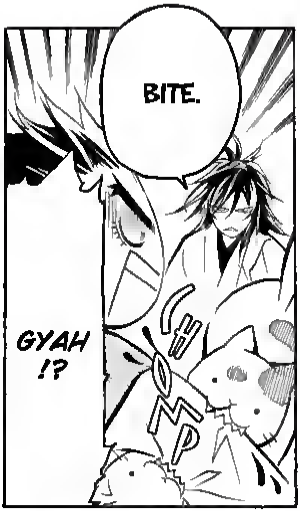
LORD NOBUNAGA!
Owari, Nagoya Castle
LEAN
I'VE HEARD
THAT YOU PICKED UP A STRANGE GIRL AT NARUMI IS THAT TRUE!?
SADO
HMM?
YES?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
trembletremble
THE HAYASHI FAMILY, WITH OUR STRONG VISAGE, HAS BEEN SERVING THE ODA FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS!
YOUR FACE IS JUST TOO MUCH.
And you're too close.
Smack
MPH!

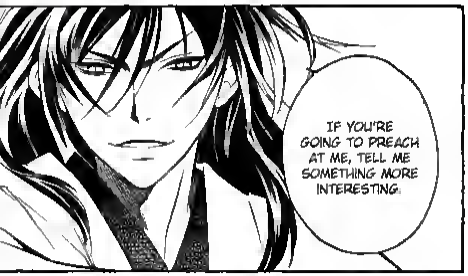
HEY.
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME!?
SURE, SURE.
MEOW
THAT'S A BLANTANT LIE!
TODAY I WILL FULLY EXPLAIN WHAT IS REQUIRED OF YOU IN YOUR CAPACITY AS LORD NOBU-NAGA.
I'M THE CHIEF ADVISOR TO THE ODA FAMILY, HAYASHI SADO NO KAMI HIDESADA.
DU
N


IT'S SUCH A NUISANCE
THINGS JUST KEEP POPPING UP, ONE AFTER THE OTHER.
MEOW
RUB
RUB
HONESTLY, CATS, DOGS, RETAINERS

AS THINGS STAND, THE ARMY THAT YOUR FATHER, LORD NORUHIDE, FORMED WITH SUCH CARE
MIGHT BE SNATCHED AWAY FROM YOU WITHOUT WARNING
SHOO!
MEOW
THE YAMAGUCHI'S BETRAYAL OCCURRING SO SOON AFTER YOU INHERITED YOUR POSITION HAS SHAKEN THE PEOPLE'S FAITH

ENOUGH TRIVIAL CRAP
drip
drip
WH— WH—
WHAT WAS THAT FOR!?

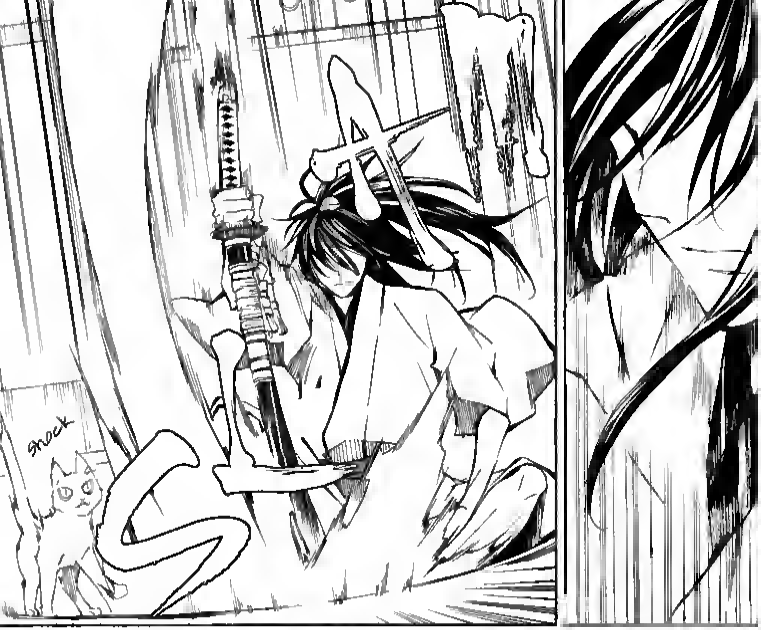

BITE.
GYAH !?
GUMPA


IF YOU'RE GOING TO PREACH AT ME, TELL ME SOMETHING MORE INTERESTING.

IF I MAY CUT IN.
I'M LOOKING OUT FOR YOUR BEST INTERESTS—!

WHILE OWARI IS DIVIDED BY THE CONFLICTS BETWEEN ITS UPPER FOUR DISTRICTS, GOVERNED BY ODA ISE NO KAMI, AND ITS LOWER FOUR DISTRICTS GOVERNED BY ODA YAMATO NO KAMI
THAT WE HAVE MANAGED TO AMASS THE STRENGTH WE CURRENTLY HAVE...
IS THANKS TO YOUR FATHER'S MANY EFFORTS...
Chief Retainer to the Oda Family
Shibata Gonroku Katsuie

GONIROKU...
PASSING THIS OFF AS TRIVIAL... DOES LITTLE TO PUT US AT EASE.
...ANYWAY, YOU DIDN'T ADDRESS ALL OF YOUR VASSALS' CONCERNS IN YOUR SPEECH
REGARDING OUR DECEASED LORD AND YOUR POSITION ON YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER, LORD NOBUYUKI—
HMPH
I SWEAR I WAS HERE!?
With Hayashi in my face... I didn't notice.
DUN
DUN
WERE YOU HERE TOO?
YOU GUYS ARE LIKE A BROKEN RECORD
EVERY TIME YOU TREK OVER HERE FROM SUEMORI...
NOBUYUKI THIS, NOBUYUKI THAT...
FATHER THIS, FATHER THAT...
GLK
KCK


SHOCK

BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU SAY, HAYASHI, SHIBATA.
I AM LORD OF OWARI.

sling
I HAVE MY OWN WAYS OF DOING THINGS
...!
SHIVER
IF YOU CAN'T STOMACH IT—
AH!
CLATTER
WAIT
SWISH
I'LL SLICE YOU APART!

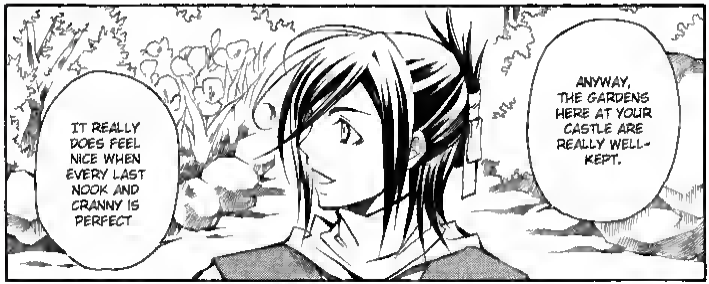
flutter
LORD NOBUYUKI!!
Um
Um...
WHAT WERE YOU DOING STANDING THERE?
FWip
Not at all
THE FLOWERS IN THE GARDEN WERE TRAMPLED, SO I WAS HELPING TO PRUNE THEM.
You're overreacting Shiori.
Are
ARE YOU INJURED?

TENROU?
Isn't that the hawk Lord Nobunaga keeps?
YEAH
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'D JUST RETURNED FROM SOMEWHERE

Jolt
NOBUYUKI.
Y—
YES!?
WAS THERE ANYONE WITH YOU?
N—NO!

HE REALLY DOESN'T LIKE ME SO MUCH
He went off somewhere

OH, BUT
IF YOU MEAN TENROU


ANYWAY, THE GARDENS HERE AT YOUR CASTLE ARE REALLY WELL-KEPT.
IT REALLY DOES FEEL NICE WHEN EVERY LAST NOOK AND CRANNY IS PERFECT

HE LEFT SOME TIME AGO
DUN
AH!
Brother!

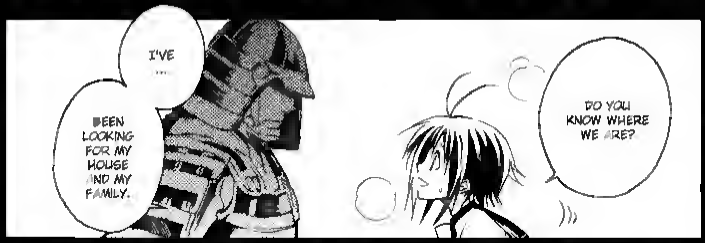
Shine
I ADMIRE YOUR DILIGENCE, BROTHER.
LORD NOBUYUKI
I HOPE TO LEARN FROM YOUR EXAMPLE AND BECOME OF USE TO YOU.

MY BROTHER HAS HIS OWN IDEAS
IT IS NOT OUR PLACE TO INTERRUPT HIM
TRULY, THAT MAN IS LIKE A STORM
OWARI ISN'T GOING TO GO ANYWHERE LIKE THIS
HAYASHI
YES SIR.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

I HAVE TO HURRY HOME AND MAKE DINNER
AH!

THANK GOD, SOMEONE'S HERE!
UM, EXCUSE ME!

HUFF
HUFF
I'M IN TROUBLE... Where am I?


I'VE ... BEEN LOOKING FOR MY HOUSE AND MY FAMILY.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE WE ARE?

Round...
and round...
YEAH, ROUND AND...

Ah,
BY FAMILY, I JUST MEAN MY BROTHERS.
Smile
THEIR NAMES ARE MASAMUNE AND KOTETSU.
Oh, and sake too
I'M JUST WANDERING ROUND AND ROUND HERE, AND IT'S SCARY.

ROU—
and round
Round
..A——
AHHHHH
JUMP

HISS
HSSS
I WAS DREAMING
HSSS
WHERE AM I?

HUFF
HUFF
Clatter
Shock

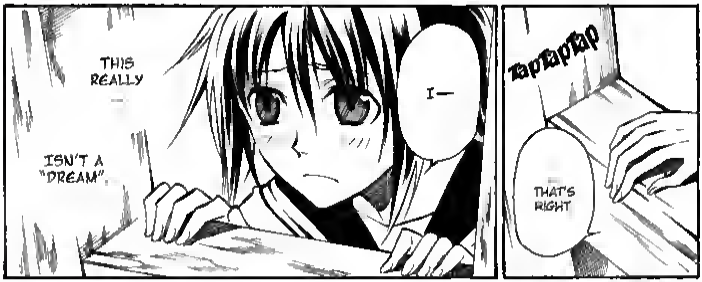
CLACK
HISS
Gah!
Boh hurts
SNAP
AND WHY ARE YOU SO PUFFED UP—

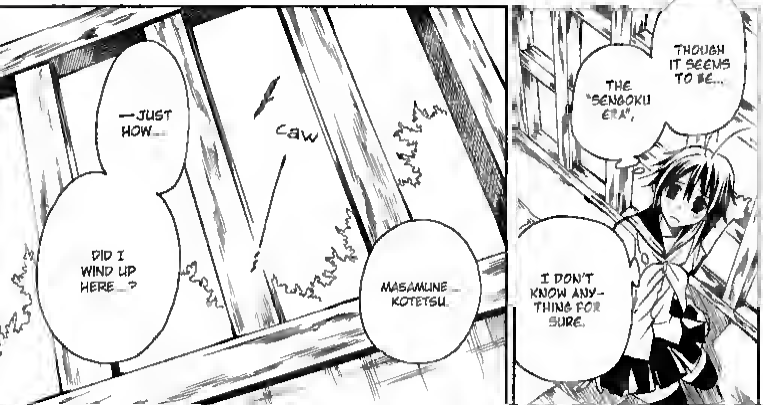
AH—
Glance

UMM
Someones here
EXCUSE ME!

Oh!

WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
SHE CAN USE A SWORD OUR LORD DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF HER, EITHER.
...THAT ONE, RIGHT? THE GIRL WHO OUR LORD BROUGHT
TAKE A LOOK AT HER
SHE GIVES ME THE CREEPS. LET'S GO
DASH
AHH!
Hold it
WAIT!


THIS REALLY
ISN'T A "DREAM".
I—
ZapZapZap
THAT'S RIGHT


—JUST HOW—
caw
DID I WIND UP HERE—?
MASAMUNE... KOTETSU.
THOUGH IT SEEMS TO BE...
THE "SENGOKU ERA",
I DON'T KNOW ANY-THING FOR SURE.

DRIP
DROP
... EH!?
I'm not crying. I'm not!
HM?
SHOCK

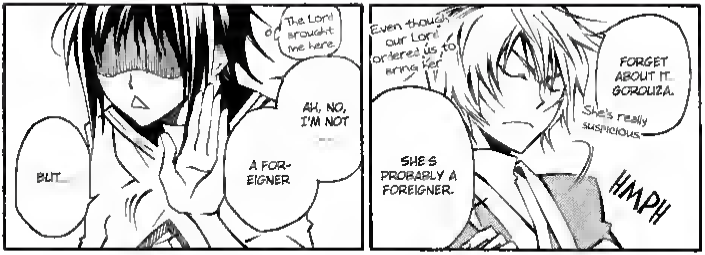
You ate earlier didn't you?
THAT'S KASANE'S BREAKFAST
mutter
Stupid idiot
GOROUZA!? AND—

Can I eat? Can I eat that food?
GLITTER
GLITTER
I MET YOU AT THAT CASTLE
HEY! STOP THAT, MUCHIYO!

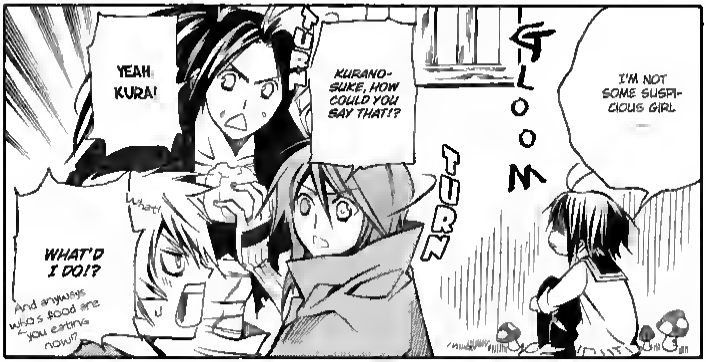
OUR LORD ORDERED US TO SEE TO YOU
This is our Lord's castle.
BUT. WHAT HAPPENED?

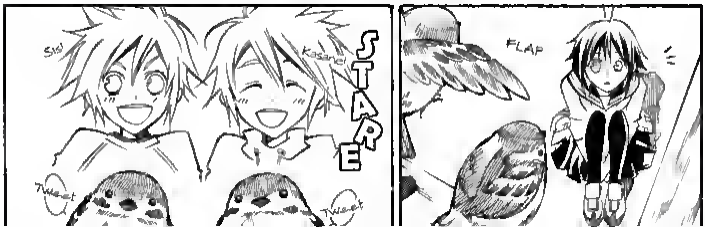
I'M SASSA KURANO-SUKE!
I told you I'm Naruwa!
Was that it?
Am not!
A KM?
...WHO WERE YOU, AGAIN?

BUT OUR LORD SAID THAT WAS UNNECESSARY, AND ORDERED YOU TO THE PRISON.
I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER TO SEND YOU BACK TO YOUR VILLAGE.
HOW DO YOU FEEL?

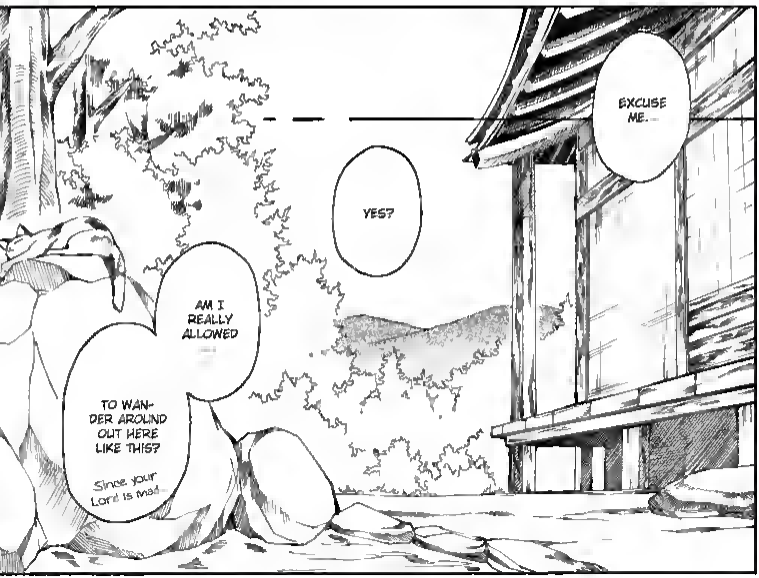

The Lord brought me here.
AH, NO, I'M NOT
A FOR-EIGNER
BUT...
Even though our Lord ordered us to bring her
SHE'S PROBABLY A FOREIGNER.
FORGET ABOUT IT, GOROUZA.
She's really suspicious.
HMPH

SO...
MY HOME AND MY FAMILY...
ARE PROBABLY GONE


YEAH KURA!
KURANO-SUKE, HOW COULD YOU SAY THAT!?
I'M NOT SOME SUSPI-CIOUS GIRL
GLOOM
TURN
WHAT'D I DO!?
What?
And anyways who's food are you eating now!?


Sis!
Kasumi!
STARE
Tweet
Tweet
FLAP

ANYWAY,
THINGS COULD GET BETTER OR WORSE FROM HERE
Tuttu
EVEN GLOOMIER
THIS TIME IT WASN'T MY FAULT!


EXCUSE ME...
YES?
AM I REALLY ALLOWED
TO WANDER AROUND OUT HERE LIKE THIS?
Since your Lord is mad

—I DON'T...
REALLY KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO

Just wanted
WE'RE INSIDE THE GROUNDS
WE CAN AFFORD TO DO AT LEAST THIS MUCH FOR YOU
Thanks

Tromp
Tromp
UP UNTIL YESTERDAY, I WENT TO SCHOOL, WAS IN MY CLUB,
AND WAS LIVING A NORMAL STUDENT'S LIFE
Gah
Stay away!
THEN I SUDDENLY GET SENT HERE,
AND SOMEONE DIES RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME...
Huff
Huff

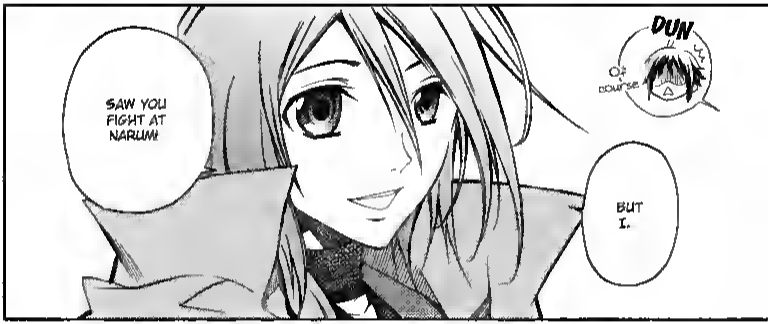
WAS IT
IN A FIGHT?
NO,
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL

EARLIER, YOU MENTIONED YOUR VILLAGE AND FAMILY WERE GONE.
Uh

I'M NOT.. FROM THIS ERA.
Munch
Munch
GOROUZA...
What's with the atmo sphere?
EH!?
HUH?
EVERYONE SETTLE DOWN.
DO YOU LIKE DOGS?
Hey Hey!
NO, I'M NOT!
I TOLD YOU SHE'S A SPY!!
And she's totally suspicious!
Ei..?
Dogs?
POINT
huff
huff
And put Kurochiyo away Kuchiyo.
She's too rowdy

The other people ran away from me!
BUT— BUT WHY!?
TO BE HONEST,
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE FROM ANOTHER ERA
FLAP
FLAP

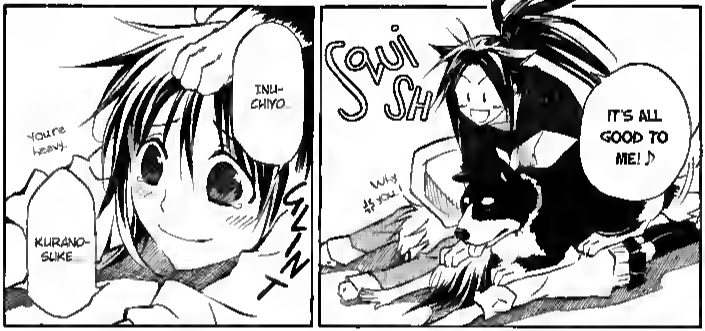
KAGANE IF YOU'RE TRULY LOST HERE...
I'LL HELP YOU OUT
GOROUZA


SAW YOU FIGHT AT NARUMI
DUN
Of course
BUT I.

PLEASE REST UP PROPERLY
UNTIL YOU'VE CALMED DOWN

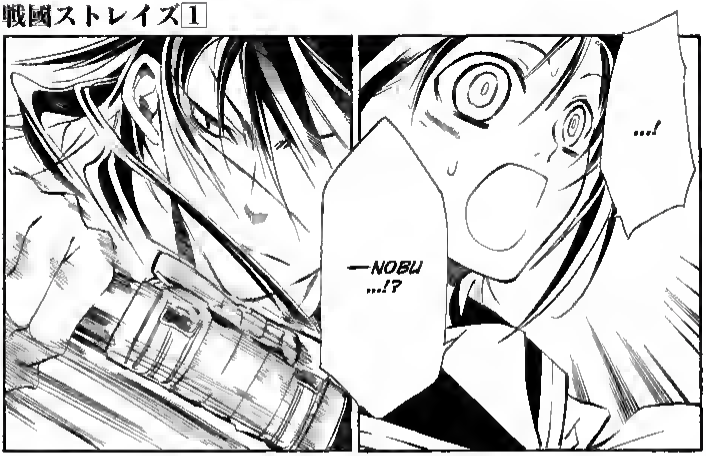
AT THE LEAST, I DON'T THINK YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO'D DO US HARM.
tremble
tremble
.... !

Jump
I'M NOT ABOUT TO TRUST HER SO EASILY.
I guess she didn't lie. Her heart is pounding.
Hmph
GOROUZA, YOU'RE TOO EASY ON HER!


INU-CHIYO.
You're heavy.
KURANO-SUKE.
SWISH
IT'S ALL GOOD TO ME! ♪
Why you!

EH?
He saved me, so I have to thank him.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME YOUR LORD'S NAME
I HAVEN'T?
HE'S LORD NOBU-NAGA.
Anyway
THIS CASTLE SURE IS FULL OF ANIMALS.
THEY'RE ALL ATTACHED TO OUR LORD.
They're all strays

CREAK
HE'S THE ONE WHO HAD YOU BROUGHT HERE.
SWISH
THE LORD OF OWARI,
LORD ODA KAZUSANOSUKE NOBUNAGA.


...!
—NOBU ...!?

!!
CRACK
skid

TO LET HER ROAM FREELY?
WHO SAID
What was that crash?
!
WHAT'RE YOU...!
GIRL
GOROUZA AND EVERY-ONE JUST WANTED TO CHEER ME UP—
T-THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED!
...!
MY APOLO-GIES
ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?
WHAT...

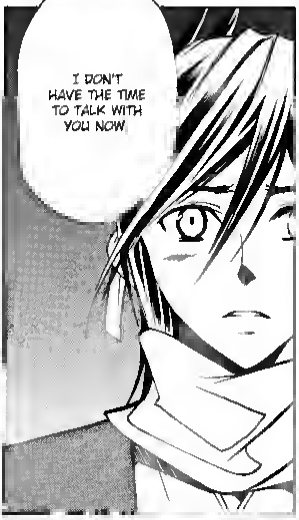
TAKE THIS GIRL ...
AND CAST HER INTO THE WESTERN KAYATSU RIVER.
DO...
...?
LIKE WHAT ?
DO..?
MY THREE IDIOTS ..

THAT'S YOUR PUNISHMENT FOR JUST LETTING HER OUT OF HER CELL.
PI— PLEASE WAIT MY LORD!
KASANE JUST REGAINED CONSCIOUS-NESS.
AFTER YOU ORDERED HER BROUGHT HERE FROM NARUMI.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD WISH TO ABANDON HER RIGHT AWAY!
GOROUZA.
I DON'T REQUIRE YOU TO UNDERSTAND
Thunk
GHG...!
FLOP
FOLLOW TENROU.
I DON'T NEED...
THINGS I CAN'T USE IN MY CASTLE

I'LL TAKE THE HEADS OF THESE THREE
GOT IT, GIRL?
IF YOU RUN AND TRY TO HIDE,
UNDERSTAND?
BROTHER!
WHAT WAS THE CRASH JUST NOW...!?
AREN'T NIWA GORUZA AND THOSE GUYS
VASSALS THAT HAVE YOUR FAVOR?
NOBUYUKI

CAW

GO HOME


I DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO TALK WITH YOU NOW

I DON'T LIKE HIM.
Or rather I don't understand him

I'M SORRY, GOROUZA.
YOU WERE NOTHING BUT NICE TO ME, AND LOOK WHAT GOOD IT DID YOU.
NO, YOU HELPED ME With your strength.
WHETHER HE'S THE REAL ODA NOBUNAGA OR WHATEVER
And anyways, why'd he send 3 people just for me..?
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL GET ALONG WITH HIM..!
hmph

GLOOM
sigh
Our Lord got mad.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD BECOME OF THOSE TWO
And I don't know what Tenrou would do either
I WISH I COULD OFFER TO LET YOU GO, BUT...
OH NO!
IF I CAUSED YOU ANY MORE GRIEF,

Ugh.
YOU ALL REALLY LIKE THE LORD
THAT'S BECAUSE WE WERE ALL ORIGINALLY LIKE YOU, KAGANE.
I'm sorry.
Shaddup!
DON'T TALK! YOU'RE A PLAGUE!
EXCUSE ME...
HSSS
WHY'D MY GRAND PLAN HAVE TO COME TO THIS!?
My road to success is ruined!
STAB
WE'RE THE SECOND AND THIRD SONS OF THE WARRIORS UNDER OUR LORD
WE WERE DESTINED TO WASTE OUR DAYS AT HOME WITHOUT ANY INHERITANCE
BEFORE OUR LORD PICKED US OUT TO SERVE HIM.
GLOOM
Fourth Son
Second Son
Third Son
TWITCH
I'm alone for
mutter
mutter
SO EVEN IN TIMES LIKE THESE,
WE OWE OUR LORD A HEAVY DEBT.
SMELLS LIKE SOMETHING'S BURNING
EH?
Pull it together
SNIFF
HM?
WHAT IS IT?

THE VILLAGE ...
IS UNDER ATTACK ...!?
WHAT IS IT...?
AHH
AHH
AHH
THE KIYOSU SOLDIERS ARE TAKING THIS VILLAGE!
ANYONE WHO RESISTS WILL HAVE THEIR HOMES BURNT DOWN!
THE FARMERS ARE TO HARVEST IT ALL!

NO, THERE ARE ONLY THREE OF US
WE HAVE TO SEND SOMEONE TO NAGOYA TO REPORT THIS
WHAT NOW? SHOULD WE GO?
WITHIN OWARI PORVINCE, THEY'RE THE MOST POWERFUL OPPOSITION AGAINST LORD NOBUNAGA
KIYOSU?
FLAP
KIYOSU SOLDIERS
AHHH
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
BUT EVEN IF WE GO NOW, OUR LORD WON'T BE ABLE TO—
ARE GONE
THE HOMES
EH...?
STAND

THIS IS BAD!
WE CAN AT LEAST GET THE VILLAGERS ACROSS THE RIVER—
TCH!
WHAT'S THAT GIRL THINKING!?

K—
KASANE!?
Dash

"TO THE WESTERN KAYATSU RIVER—"
Ah!

FLAP
UGH...!
COUGH COUGH
FLAP

DON'T TELL ME
GLANCE
HE KNEW.?

GRAB
THE FLAMES ARE SPREADING QUICKLY...!
I NEED SOME-THING...
TO PUT THE FIRE OUT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
FORGET THAT, JUST RUN!
AH!
BUT... THE HOUSE...!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THAT!
...EH?
SHIVER
THE SOLDIERS
clack
HURRY AND RUN!

TENROU FLEW OFF TO THE CASTLE!
GOROUZA!
SLAM
WE'LL EVACUATE THE VILLAGERS UNTIL OUR LORD CAN MAKE HIS MOVE!
YEAH!
WHY..
ARE MY HANDS TREMBLING ?
Tremble
Tremble

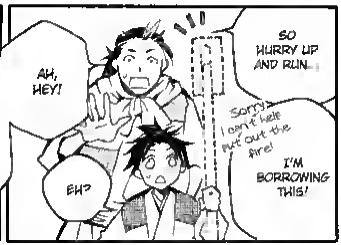
CLENCH
DAD!
Drip
QUICK!

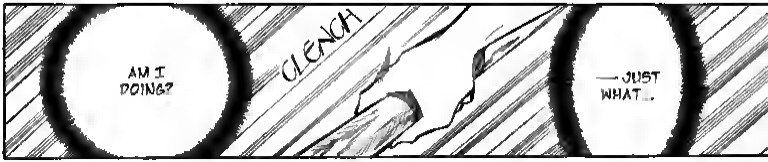
throb
Ow
throb
LIVING COMES FIRST.
EEK!?
SMACK
NO MATTER HOW TOUGH IT IS,
IF YOUR FAMILY'S WAITING FOR YOU,
Houses are important too, though.
NOTHING ELSE MATTERS MUCH
YOU'VE...
GOT A FAMILY WAITING FOR YOU, DON'T YOU, MISS?

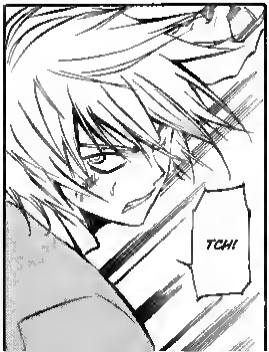
YEAH,
I DO!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT

clench

ZOOM
Wow... she's fast!
THE FIGHTING'S THAT WAY—


AH, HEY!
EH?
SO HURRY UP AND RUN.
Sorry! I can't help but cut out the fire!
I'M BORROWING THIS!


AM I DOING?
CLENCH
—JUST WHAT...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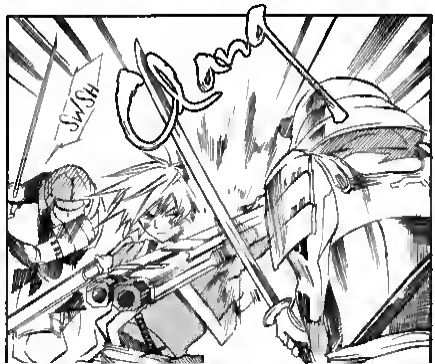
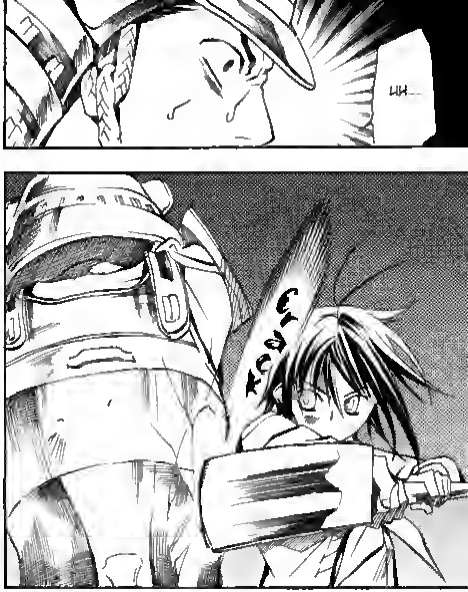

SWISH

MOVE IT!
SLAM
UGH!
WH—
WHAT!? IT'S YOU!?

TWIRL
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
HEY!
CLANG
SLAM

Ah!
SO YOU'RE PLANNING TO HAVE US IN YOUR DEBT AND GET ON OUR MASTER'S GOOD SIDE!?
THAT'S NOT IT!
Geez, you're so rude.
What country sent you to spy on us?
THIS FEELING...!
HUFF
HUFF
JUMP
THAT'S NOT IT, BUT...
SLASH
WH...!?

Clench
UH
...
YEAH


UH...
Crack

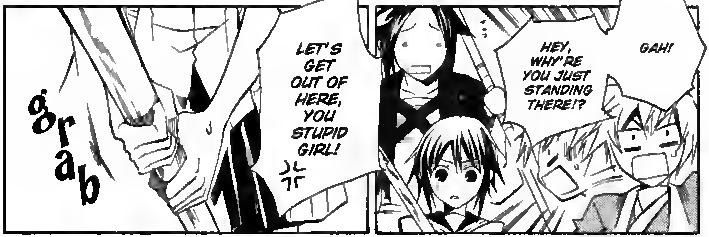
YEAH ...!

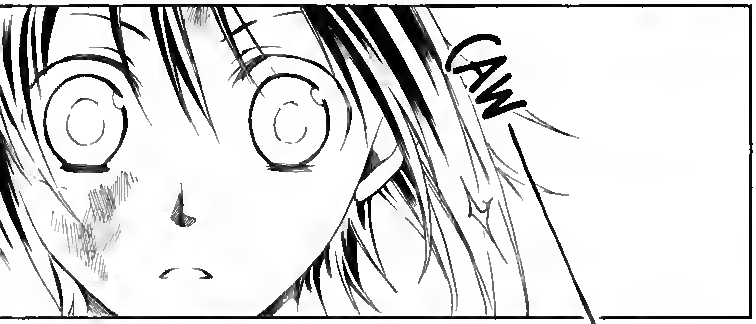
sfx. slash
CRASH
OW!

HEH
HEHE
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET CAPTURED
YOU'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE NOW!
huff
huff
ALL YOUR ALLIES HAVE FALLEN.
Aww! Ind
That's my kid!

THE MAIN KIYOSU ARMY IS 1500 STRONG, AND HEADED STRAIGHT HERE!
WE WERE HIRED TO SCOUT AHEAD OF THE MAIN ARMY.
AREN'T YOU THE ONES WHO SHOULD BE RUNNING?

RUN FOR IT! RUN!
HAHA!
FIFTEEN HUNDRED!?
THE FOOL'S SOLDIERS DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT THEIR ENEMY IS ON THE MOVE!
WE'RE NO ENEMIES OF KIYOSU!
AHHH!
ha ha ha
REINFORCEMENTS FROM OUR LORD WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME!
KASANE! WE HAVE TO RETREAT
What's that aura...!
YOU...
THUD THUD THUD THUD
Don't tell me...
YOU'RE PLANNING TO TAKE ON 1500 OF THEM!?


grab
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, YOU STUPID GIRL!
HEY, WHY'RE YOU JUST STANDING THERE!?
GAH!


CAW

SFX: THUD x 6
IS BEING DRIVEN FOR-WARD...!?
TEN-ROU!?
WHAT IS THIS!?
JUMP
THE KIYOSU ARMY...

MAYBE...
BUT... HOW DID HE GET HERE SO FAST!?
OUR LORD KNEW EVERY-THING, AND WAS WAIT-ING...
GRIND
GRIND

THIS IS RIDICULOUS! WHOSE ARMY IS THAT!?
Nobu-naga shouldn't know a thing!
THAT'S MY LORD'S ARMY!
It's not ridicu-lous!
THUD
Ghg!

FOR THE KIYOSU ARMY TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE...!

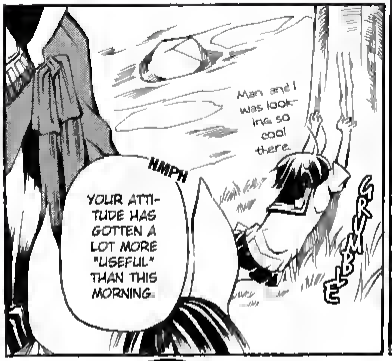
DON'T BOTHER COMPARING...
MY PERSONAL ARMY WITH YOU BLOCKHEADS FROM KIYOSU.
IDIOTS.
DON'T LET ANY OF THEM ESCAPE BACK TO THEIR CASTLE.
CAPTURE A GROUP OF THEM AND TAKE THEM WITH US.
Speak with them
YES SIR!
...BUT WHY?
We're saved!
huhhh!

He used Teryou as a messenger!?
IT WAS IKEDA KATSUSABUROU HERE WHO INFORMED ME KIYOSU WAS ON THE MOVE.
I WAS UP ALL NIGHT BECAUSE OF IT.
IF I MAKE A POOR MOVE, THE PEOPLE WILL LOSE FAITH IN ME.
IF YOU KNEW KIYOSU WAS MOVING, WHY DIDN'T YOU SEND OUT THE ARMY IN ADVANCE?
So what was it on at the castle was all an act?
SO I SENT YOU GUYS AHEAD AS MY FRONT LINE, AND WAITED FOR MY OPPORTUNITY.
EACH GROUP THAT WAS INVADED MY TERRITORY CAME FROM THE KIYOSU AREA.
I DON'T INTEND TO JUST LET THEM TAKE WHAT THEY PLEASE.
IT COULD BE SERIOUS IF MY ACTIONS CREATED A CHANCE FOR THEM TO ATTACK
OUR ENEMIES AREN'T LIMITED TO THOSE OUTSIDE THE CASTLE WALLS
My lord wasn't mad at me!
THEN HIM GIVING US THAT ORDER. .
Thank GOD! My road to glory is still intact!
LPS
SA
MY LORD ...
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE MY VASSALS,
I CAN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN AROUND ANY OF THEM.

MY LORD!
SPLASH
I thought you were gone
KASANE!?
THAT ISSUE HAS ALREADY BEEN—
I—
I WAS CAST INTO THE RIVER AS PROMISED!
The inside of my shoes feels gross! Ewww—
SO PLEASE FORGIVE THOSE THREE!
AND I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU.

I'D LIKE...
YOU TO LET ME SERVE AS A SOLDIER!

I WON'T.
YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU WILL BECOME A CITIZEN OF THIS PROVINCE?
FOR A WOMAN TO SAY SUCH A THING—
YOU FOOL!!
Oh!
Slide
BUT I WON'T JUST BE AFRAID AND LIVE ON YOUR MERCY.
I HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO KEEP ON GOING AND RETURN TO MY BROTHERS.
AND SO I DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF THAT GOAL,
AND TO LIVE IN THIS WORLD— I'LL FIGHT!
"WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?"
THIS. .
IS MY ANSWER TO THE QUESTION YOU ASKED ME BACK IN THE CASTLE.


Man and I was looking so cool there.
NMPH
YOUR ATTITUDE HAS GOTTEN A LOT MORE "USEFUL" THAN THIS MORNING.
GRRRR

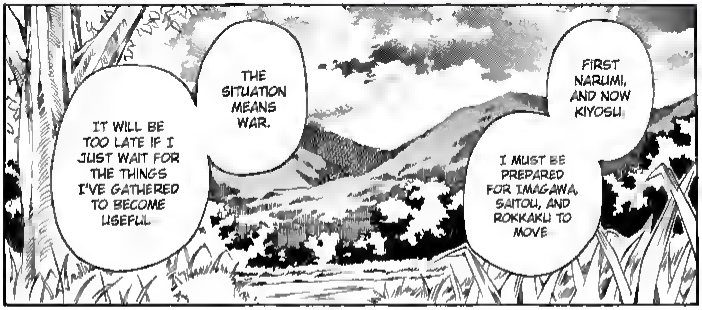
BUT...
RUMBLE
GRUMBLE
SHOCK
What was that sound?

IF THAT ISN'T THE CASE, THEN GO BACK TO YOUR OLD WORLD.
Toss
EH?

I'LL BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU WANT IF IT BRINGS ME POWER
haha
And how do you know about it?
YOU BELIEVE ME!?
EH?

I'M ONLY GATHERING UP THE THINGS I NEED.
THEY'RE USING THE CHAOS OF MY FATHER'S DEATH TO BETRAY ME ONE BY ONE.
THE OLD SOLDIERS HATE ME.

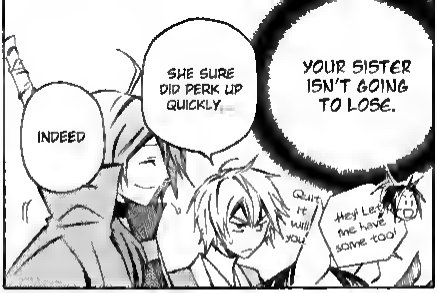
...AS I STAND NOW, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING I CAN USE FREELY
EH? So what's he?


FIRST NARUMI, AND NOW KIYOSU.
I MUST BE PREPARED FOR IMAGAWA, SAITOU, AND ROKKAKU TO MOVE
THE SITUATION MEANS WAR.
IT WILL BE TOO LATE IF I JUST WAIT FOR THE THINGS I'VE GATHERED TO BECOME USEFUL.

SO THAT'S WHY YOU WERE SO RECKLESS BACK THEN
With hitting Gorouza and the others
I WON'T CHOOSE PEOPLE
WHO DON'T FOLLOW ME.

I ONLY BELIEVE IN WHAT I SEE WITH MY OWN EYES.

A "FAMILY" ... HUH.
That's right. What is this...?
RETURN TO NAGOYA!
YES SIR!
IT'S A "FAMILY",
THIS "MISH-MASH" OF PEOPLE WORKS WELL.
AND I'M A PART OF IT.


YOUR SISTER ISN'T GOING TO LOSE.
SHE SURE DID PERK UP QUICKLY
INDEED
Quiet it will you
Hey! Let me have some too!

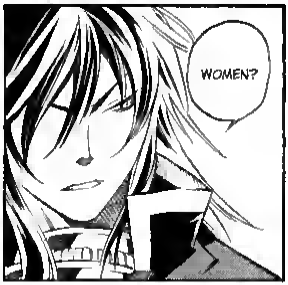
I WONDER HOW FAR SHE'LL FALL INTO OUR LORD'S HANDS

CLACK
—MY LORD

MASAMUNE, KOTETSU...
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE

I SPOKE WITH THE GENERAL WE TOOK PRISONER.
IT SEEMS THAT HE SAW SOME YOUNG WOMEN AT HIS CASTLE WHO LATER DISAPPEARED.
...IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY?

AHH
AHHH
Quit it you two!
Ah you ate it all!
Eh? Sorry.
LET'S WALK FURTHER AHEAD OF THEM.
IS THAT GIRL.. GOING TO BE ALRIGHT?


WOMEN?

I'VE DECIDED TO FEIGN IGNORANCE AND FORCE THE RATS ..
TO REVEAL THEIR TRUE NATURE.

THEY ALSO TRAMPLED THE FLOWERS IN THE GARDEN AT MY CASTLE.
Though Normally Aimed there.

I DOUBT THIS RECENT ATTACK WAS AN HONEST ATTEMPT ON MY TERRITORY. THEY WERE FEELING ME OUT.
THERE WILL LIKELY BE ANOTHER RAID SOON.
*I'm hungry! Guilt Wash! grrrrrr
CONVEY THAT TO BOTH MATSUBA AND FUKADA CASTLES
YES SIR!

IT TAKES SOME NERVE TO INVADE OWARI.

RUSTLE
Man~

THERE GOES NOBUNAGA!
THOSE GUYS FROM KIYOSU WERE TOTALLY USELESS!
We've got to rebuild from scratch again!
IT DOESN'T MATTER. TODAY WAS ONLY A TRIAL RUN
NEXT TIME WE'LL GO FOR REAL
Ah?
REALLY?
BUT THAT IS ONE INTERESTING ARMY
I wonder where she went.
THERE'S EVEN A WEIRD GIRL IN IT.
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO FOOL AROUND, INAME.
The boss sure is strict
YEAH, YEAH.
KAZUSANOSUKE NOBUNAGA..
THE ARMY WITHDREW QUICKLY WITHOUT LETTING THE CHASE GO TOO FAR...AND THEY MARCH QUICKLY
THERE'S ALSO A GOOD CHANCE THEY'VE ALREADY NOTICED US
THE SUCCESSOR OF OWARI ISN'T THE FOOL HE'S RUMORED TO BE...IS HE?

Sengoku Strays (1) End

My Lord,
I'm hungry. So
please send Tsuna
back with food.
Regards, Ikuto

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